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# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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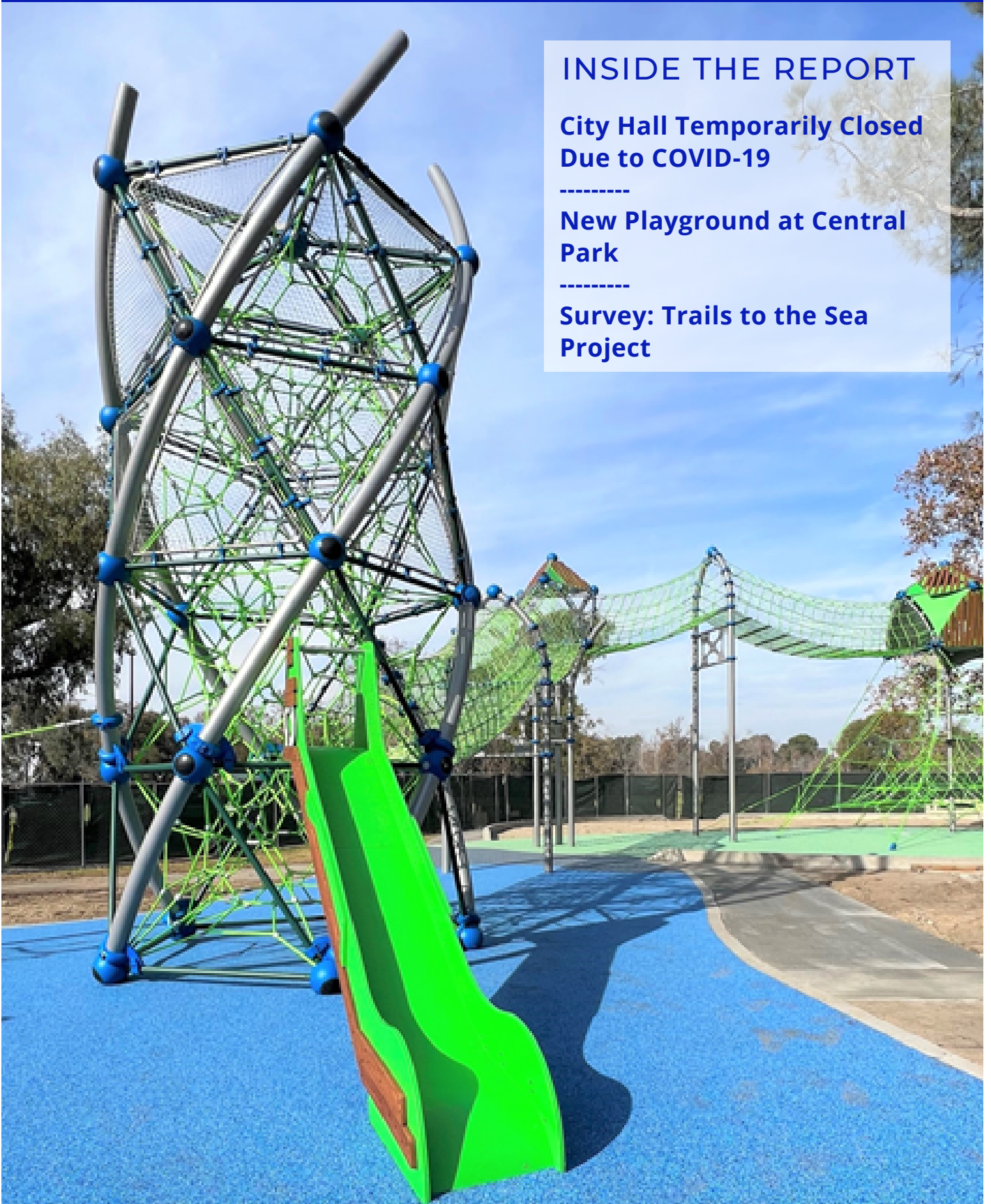
**City Hall Temporarily Closed  
Due to COVID-19**

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**New Playground at Central  
Park**

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**Survey: Trails to the Sea  
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## CITY HALL TEMPORARILY CLOSES DUE TO COVID-19 SURGE



On Tuesday, January 4, Huntington Beach joined other coastal cities temporarily closing City Hall due to a substantial increase of COVID-19 cases in Huntington Beach and Orange County. Orange County is reporting a 400% increase of COVID-19 cases since mid-December, primarily due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. With the exponential growth of new cases, it is critical for the City to enact this closure to reduce the spread of COVID

among City staff and to ensure adequate staffing levels across all departments.

Most City services will remain in place, but in-person City Hall services will be temporarily unavailable. Residents and businesses are encouraged to make use of the City's online services and tools during this period. The City will continue to monitor the number of COVID-19 cases in Huntington Beach and Orange County over the next 10-14 days and determine whether reopening City Hall is appropriate at that time. Anticipated impacts to City services are as follows:

- **Permit Center:** The in-person permit center will be temporarily closed. Residents and businesses can utilize the online Permit Center available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or call (714) 536-5241.
- **Passports:** Passport services will be temporarily unavailable until City Hall reopens.
- **Payment Center:** In-person payments will not be accepted during the closure. Please utilize the online payment center or payment drop box located near the Police Department temporary parking lot. For questions or additional information relating to payments, please call (714) 536-5630.
- **Huntington Beach Police Station Lobby:** The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) will continue to provide critical public safety services (patrol, custody, and investigations) at normal staffing levels. The HBPD will be closing its front lobby and stations to the public to limit the spread of COVID-19 among first responders and maintain current staffing levels. Many police services are available online. Reports may be taken over the phone at (714) 960-8811.

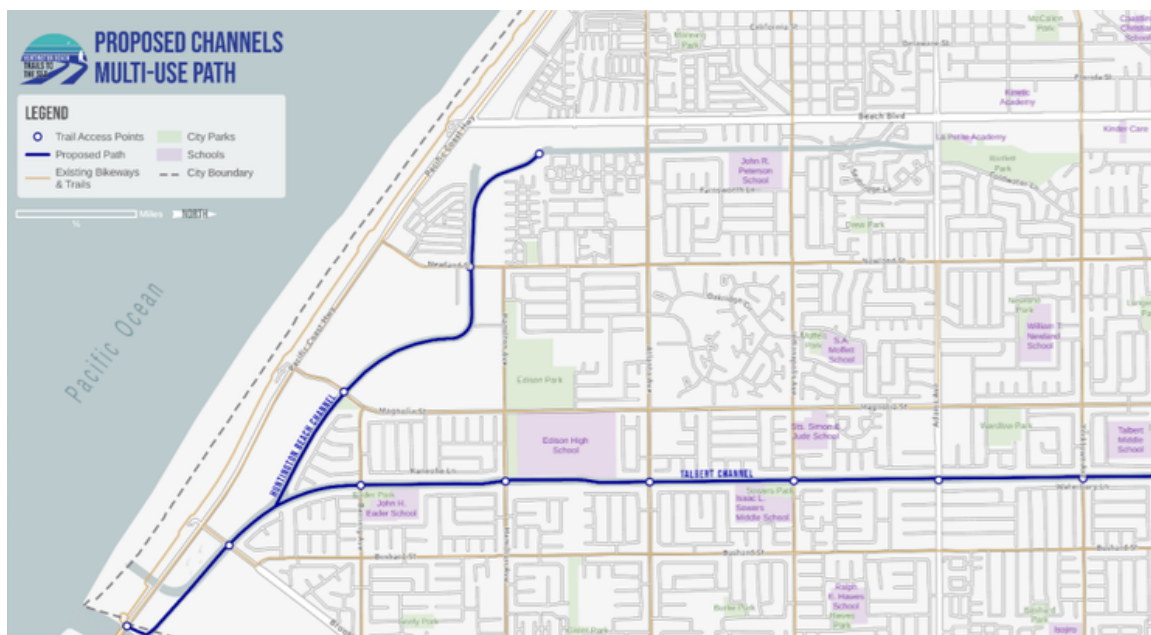
## CONT'D: CITY HALL TEMPORARILY CLOSES DUE TO COVID SPIKE

- Beach Parking Pass Sales: The sale and distribution of beach parking passes will be temporarily unavailable.
- Public Meetings: All in-person board and commission meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

The City's parks and beaches remain open, but physical distancing and face masks are encouraged. Some of the City's community centers and facilities remain open for contract classes, but face masks are required indoors.

The City will release additional details relating to the closure and service impacts on [www.SurfCityBreak.com](http://www.SurfCityBreak.com) and through the City's Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## POTENTIAL TRAILS TO THE SEA PROJECT SURVEY



The City seeks your input concerning a potential project called the Huntington Beach Trails to the Sea, which would activate unused space along the Talbert and HB Channels. This multi-use trail would provide family-friendly outdoor spaces and safe connections to schools, churches, parks, neighborhoods and the beach. **To provide input and learn more, click [here](#).** We are only seeking input at this time. There are no plans to design or construct the project at this time.

## CIRCUIT SHUTTLE SERVICE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 2022



The Circuit HB Downtown Shuttle Service is fast, fun and free. This service began in July 2021 as a pilot program and has been extended through March 2022, due to its popularity among residents and visitors. Download the Ride Circuit app on your phone to request a ride or hail any Circuit car in sight.



## WARRIORS WITH HOPE DONATES FUNDS FOR A 3RD MOBI-MAT



The City extends a huge thank you to Jami and Beau Marseilles of Warriors with Hope, a non-profit organization that offers education, peer support, financial aid, and guidance to those who have experienced amputations and cancer. The Marseilles donated \$10,000 to the City to install a third Mobi-Mat on our beaches!

The City has two Mobi-Mats (off PCH at Huntington and at 6th Street) which provides a firm surface for individuals with disabilities to get across the sand and access the ocean more easily.

We are grateful for amazing organizations like Warriors with Hope who are dedicated to supporting our residents.

To learn more, visit [warriorswithhope.org](http://warriorswithhope.org).

## COMING SOON! FOOD WASTE RECYCLING FOR HOME AND BUSINESS



SB 1383 is the newest State recycling law requiring Huntington Beach residents and businesses to sort their food waste and recyclable organics from other trash for recycling or compost. The City and Republic Services will roll out new programs citywide this year. Watch for City updates with detailed instructions and start dates.

Until programs start, there are no changes to existing trash and recycling services. For more information, please call the City's trash and recycling office at 714-375-5010 or email [TrashInfo@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:TrashInfo@surfcity-hb.org).

## BLUFF TOP PARK RAILING CONSTRUCTION



Progress continues on the Bluff Top railing replacement project! J & A Engineering has constructed most of the lodge pole post, and will continue to install the new post and railing on the Bluff. Public Works anticipates the construction of the estimated 8,000 linear feet of railing to be completed by February 2022.



## CENTRAL PARK PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



An amazing new playground has been installed at Central Park and is located next to Kathy Mays and Lake Huntington. The playground will officially open on Thursday, January 13 when the City holds a ribbon cutting event.

## LAKE PARK CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENT



Construction of the Lake Park Clubhouse improvement began in late October 2021. To date, the City contractor demolished and reconstructed the picnic area, removed and replaced the Clubhouse pathway with new concrete, and installed an ADA ramp. The contractor will soon construct ADA restrooms at the Clubhouse.



## BARTLETT TRAIL IMPROVEMENT



The City's Public Works contractor has completed the construction of the phase two trial pathway on Bartlett Park. The effort connects the existing trail network along the west side of the park, and connect it south on Adams Street. The project included a newly graded pathway, trail widening, chain link and lodge pole fence

construction to enhance and improve safety, and continuity of the trail for foot and bicycle traffic within the park.

## SAYBROOK LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT



The Saybrook Sewer Lift Station valve vault and wet well have been completed.

The contractor is now installing the piping, pumps, and completing the interior lining in the wet well. Once completed, the system will be tied into the upstream manhole.

Construction is progressing and is expected to be completed by late February 2022.

## HBFD HIRING LIFEGUARDS



**HUNTINGTON BEACH LIFEGUARD  
TRYOUTS 2022**

**JOIN OUR ELITE TEAM OF LIFEGUARDS!**

**\$18.65/hour**  
(Additional 5% for bilingual or EMT Certification)

Application Deadline: January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Tryouts: January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Interviews: January 30<sup>th</sup>  
For more info visit  
[governmentjobs.com/careers/huntingtonbeach](https://governmentjobs.com/careers/huntingtonbeach)  
or call 714.374.1752

 **TOYOTA**



HBFD is happy to announce that we are seeking to hire Ocean Lifeguards to provide first-line lifeguard protection at the City's beautiful beaches. Ocean Lifeguards primarily perform ocean rescues, perform preventative actions and provide medical aid as needed. The core values of HBFD are: Humility, Social Awareness, Passion, Exceptionality, Integrity, and Legacy.

Please see the following job application website, flyer, and video for more information and we hope you [apply](#) to be part of our amazing HB Team!



## SPARK OF LOVE SUCCESS



Our 2021 Spark of Love Toy Drive was a huge success! The Spark of Love Toy Program benefits local charity and non-profit groups in our community who provide toys to kids and teens who may otherwise not fully enjoy the magic of the holidays.

Thank you to all those who donated and helped with this year's toy drive campaign! Our team was able to distribute roughly 700 more toys than 2020 while keeping our inventory stocked for our future 2022 Spark of Love Toy Drive. We are happy to announce that the HBFD distributed 7,631 toys to 17 different organizations!

Twenty-two collection boxes were distributed throughout the City; and we would like to recognize a couple of our large donors:

- Vans
- Qruisin Car Club
- Subaru of Huntington Beach
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Landmark Senior Living Community

Special shout-out to Ruben Solorzano, our HBFD Fire Prevention Inspector II, for the countless hours spent sorting all the wonderful toys in the warehouse. The work isn't over yet as there are still hundreds of toys to be sorted and added to our grand total of toys graciously donated from various donators including residents, organizations, and community. We appreciate your support and look forward to the future Spark of Love Toy Drives!

## IS YOUR PROPERTY WITHIN A FEMA FLOOD ZONE?



Many properties within the City of Huntington Beach are located in FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Residents and business owners who own property in SFHAs are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender. They also must carry the insurance for the life of the mortgage. Residents and business owners with a mortgage on a building outside high-risk areas (SFHAs) can also purchase flood insurance and may be eligible for lower-cost Preferred Risk Policies.

During the life of a 30-year mortgage there is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Because Huntington Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a reduced rate. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded. There is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect. Insurance is available for tenants to protect their personal property against flood loss and to property owners with older mortgages that do not require it. Double check that your building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents coverage because usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not contents. Flood insurance covers ALL surface floods.

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. For additional information about the NFIP or the FloodSmart campaign, visit: [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) or [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov). You may contact the Community Development Department at (714) 536-5271 to determine if a property is in a flood zone; obtain flood protection advice, insurance requirements, and elevation certificates.





## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH HB ACA CUSTOMER PORTAL

- Submit **Permit Applications**
- **Payment** Processing
- Schedule **Inspections**
- **Record** Research
- Check Project **Status**
- Submit **Code Complaints**

[https://engage.huntingtonbeachca.gov/  
CitizenAccess/Default.aspx](https://engage.huntingtonbeachca.gov/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx)



**Help Center:** Online Permit Applications,  
Pay Fees, Schedule Inspections,  
Search Records

## HOLIDAY MEALS DELIVERED TO MORE THAN 140 SENIORS



Home alone seniors received a special holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve through the combined efforts of volunteers and the Senior Center in Central Park Care Management staff. Hot turkey dinners were donated by Huntington Beach Hospital employee cafeteria on Thanksgiving Day and meals were purchased through Polly's Pies HB for Christmas Eve.

More than 140 meals were delivered with care and cheer along with hand-crafted holiday treats from the National Charity League. Social Services at the Senior Center in Central Park partners with various community agencies, philanthropic programs and volunteers throughout the year to serve older adults of Huntington Beach.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY NEWS



Due to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases in Huntington Beach and Orange County, effective January 4, 2022, the Huntington Beach Public Library has made the decision to temporarily suspend all in-person programming, including storytimes. While the Central Library and the four library branches will maintain their current hours of operation, out of an abundance of caution, in-person programs at all Huntington Beach Library locations are paused until further notice.

Library staff hopes to provide the same high level of service at the information desks and through various virtual and online programs, including the Literacy Department's annual fundraiser featuring Kaira Rouda, and an All-Ages Winter Reading Challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## LITERACY VOLUNTEERS VIRTUAL EVENT



The Huntington Beach Public Library Literacy Volunteers are proud to present Words with Kaira Rouda, a virtual version of their 8th annual auction and fundraiser on Saturday, January 22, at 5 p.m. An interview and Q & A session with the international best-selling suspense author will be followed by an online auction featuring romantic hotel getaways, boutique gift baskets, and much, much more. Ms. Rouda will also speak about her latest work, *Somebody's Home*, just published on January 18 of this year.

Ms. Rouda will have her books for sale through a partnership with Lido Books. To order or pre-order signed copies, please follow this link: [Purchase Books Here](#). Registration is \$25, with 100% of donations going toward the support of adult learners as they reach their individualized goals of getting better jobs, helping their children, and becoming citizens. Click [here](#) to participate in the event and be a part of this special night.



## ALL-AGES WINTER READING CHALLENGE



The whole family – and that means the adults, too – can participate in the Huntington Beach Public Library’s Winter Reading Challenge, which started on January 1, 2022 and continues for the entire month. Adults are encouraged to read three books during the month of January. The reading goal for children, tweens and teens is to read 600 minutes during the month, which equals only about 20 minutes a day.

All those who complete this challenge are eligible to win a reusable Winter Reading book tote bag, a coupon for a free book from the Used Bookstore, and other fun goodies, while supplies last. To join the fun and register, click [here](#). Prizes must be redeemed in person at any HBPL branch. For more information, please call 714 375-5107.

## BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS



The branch libraries of the Huntington Beach Public Library system (Main Street, Banning, Helen Murphy and Oak View), have all resumed their regular hours of operation, and are ready to introduce their many wonderful services to anyone who has not yet discovered them! Starting on Tuesday, January 18 and running until Thursday, February 17, all four neighborhood branches, located in different communities around

Huntington Beach will offer a special program called Library Travelogue. Curious patrons are invited to pick up a special “passport,” (or Library Travelogue), from either the Central Library or one of the branches. Then, just like a mini scavenger hunt, patrons can visit each of the four branches – plus the Literacy Offices at the Central and Oak View branch Libraries– to get a stamp.

Each of the six locations are also planning a passive program for patrons to participate to better familiarize them with the library’s many services. Those who collect all six stamps can win a limited edition bookmark (while supplies last) made in the Makerspace at the Central Library. What an excellent opportunity to visit all of the neighborhood libraries in town!



The Oak View Branch Library is pleased to offer a free service to anyone in grades K-12 needing assistance with homework or reading support. The Homework Club Online is available Mondays-Thursdays every week, on a first come, first serve basis.

Students must register to attend, but daily attendance is not required. For more information, follow this [link](#) or e-mail Claudia at [CLocke@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:CLocke@surfcity-hb.org) for an application.





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## CITY HALL DIRECTORY

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Community Services.....	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations.....	(714) 536-5281
Business Development.....	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department.....	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses.....	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department.....	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources.....	(714) 536-5492
Information Services.....	(714) 536-5515
Library Services.....	(714) 842-4481
Community Development.....	(714) 536-5271
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